

Minutes
December 20, 2007
12:00 pm

Board Members Present: Rene Wood, Chairman
Margaret Martin
Chris Tomich
David Smith Sr.

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant to Planning Board

R. Wood called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

Discussion ensued regarding the application from Sprint-Nextel Corporation. Building Inspector Tom Carmody requested the Planning Board proceed with Special Permit process. R. Wood prepared a letter stating the deficiencies in the application to send to Attorney Jacqueline R. Murray; which was approved by the board. The application references old by-laws. The possible need for a consultant will be discussed at the public hearing. The purpose of the application is to modify existing wireless facility located at 55 Sheffield Egremont Road, Sheffield. R. Wood recommended accepting the application and the consensus of the Board was to accept the application. The application was signed and the case number of 122007 was assigned. The public hearing will be held on January 10, 2008 at 8PM.

The meeting of December 13, 2007 was cancelled due to the snowstorm. With the permission from Attorney Michael McDonald, the public hearing for Berkshire Fence will continue on December 27, 2007 at 8:00 pm. R. Wood requested that the Board members be prepared to close the hearing on this date, if it is possible to do so.

R. Wood noted that the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board met and accepted the IAC Housing Committee recommendation to create a Housing Commission. The Selectmen will work on the commission's responsibilities and put it to town voters in May 2008. Rene also noted that the Board of Selectmen

approved the Planning Board's recommendation to form an Economic Development Task Force and accepting applications for membership.

Discussion ensued regarding the typing error in the by-laws for signs. Administrator Kellogg will issue a letter stating his interpretation of the by-law and that the error will be corrected at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Chris Tomich made a motion to accept Administrator Kellogg and Town Counsel's interpretation of the by-law and for the Board to move forward with the intent of the by-law until the correction is made in May, seconded by David Smith Sr. The motion carried unanimously. The error will be explained to any impacted applicants at the time of their public hearing.

R. Wood noted that she attended the Zoning Board Public Hearing, as a resident of Sheffield, for Small and Anaceron. The hearing was continued until tonight at 7:00 pm. Discussion ensued regarding financial hardships, variances and frontage. It was the consensus of the Board not to pursue this issue.

David Smith Sr. moved to change the Planning Board meeting scheduled for February 14, 2008 to February 13, 2008, seconded by Margaret Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

R. Wood noted that the next Planning Board meeting would be on December 27, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Margaret Martin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Smith Sr. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant to Planning Board